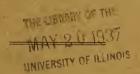
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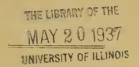
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TO THE

MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS

OF THE

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

Gentlemen,

The Public Libraries Committee have the honour to submit their Twenty-second Annual Report for the year ending 31st March, 1915.

WESTBOURNE BRANCH.

By the generous gift of the site by Mr. J. A. Longden, as well as the grant from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, all the difficulties relating to the erection of this branch have been satisfactorily surmounted. The Committee, at the earliest opportunity, invited the two firms of Architects who designed the other branch libraries to submit competitive plans, and after careful consideration they decided to entrust the work to Messrs. C. T. Miles & Son. Tenders from local builders were invited, and the one sent in by Messrs. Barnes & Pond, at £1887, was accepted. Although the present state of the country and the exigencies of the labour market preclude a speedy accomplishment of the work it is hoped that the building will be ready for opening before the end of the present year.

DECORATION OF THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

The whole of the interior of the Central Library has been distempered and decorated for the first time, which has very considerably added to its appearance. The cost of the work was charged to Capital, there being a sum sufficiently large to meet the expense from the unexpended balance of the Loan.

MUSIC LECTURES.

Owing to the War the Committee were obliged to abandon the contemplated Course of Lectures last winter in continuation of the interesting series given the previous year. It is hoped that this very important phase of work will be resumed during next winter in connection with the town's unique Music Library. There is abundant evidence to support the view that, in normal times, the establishment of Music Lectures in the John B. M. Camm Music Library will become an annual event looked forward to with added interest year by year.

EUROPEAN WAR.

Within a fortnight of the declaration of war a "Select list of books in the Central Library on the countries involved in the European War" was issued gratis. Lists of later additions on the subject to the number of about 200 vols. have been displayed in the Libraries and much use has been made of the whole of the war literature. The Committee strengthened the French section, and invited the French and Belgian refugees to become borrowers. All the available illustrated papers, periodicals and magazines, are sent regularly to the hospitals, nursing homes, and refugee houses in the Borough, and the Committee have likewise sent hundreds of withdrawn books to camps, hospitals, and billets.

Owing to the enlistment of five senior assistants and one junior it was found necessary to curtail the hours of opening of the Lending Libraries. The innovation was not objected to by the ratepayers, not a single complaint having been made respecting the restrictions. All the newsrooms have been kept open at the usual hours, as well as the Reference Library.

The Committee wish to place on record their appreciation of the answer made to the country's call by the following members of the staff, viz.:—

Hugh Stevenson, Sub-Librarian (London Scottish).

Kenneth Ryde (Bombardier, R.H.A., Head-quarters Staff, France).

E. J. Roberts (9th Hants Cyclists, Special Service Section).

E. H. Perrett (R.A.M.C.).

A. Gritten (R.A.M.C.).

V. Moxham (9th Hants Cyclists).

The places of these assistants are kept open, and half pay is given to them during their service with the colours.

STAFF.

To enable the work of the libraries to be carried on, four boys were appointed as junior assistants. In December Mr. W. G. Fry, Assistant-in-Charge of the Reference Library, was appointed Librarian of the Chorlton-cum-Hardy Branch Library, under the Manchester Corporation. The loss of Mr. Fry left a big blank in the personnel of the staff, as he was the principal cataloguer, and the one most experienced in classification, as well as being an expert typist and stenographer. The Committee, by special minute, recorded their appreciation of Mr. Fry's services, and wished him continued success in his new sphere of work. Mr. Fry is the ninth assistant to receive promotion under another library authority.

BOY SCOUTS.

During the months of September, October and November the services of boy scouts were generously offered, and most gratefully accepted by the Committee. The work done by the boys gave every satisfaction, and the help received came most opportunely.

DONATIONS.

Later in this report will be found a complete list of donations made to the libraries during the year. The most valuable gifts have been received from Mr. J. B. M. Camm, amounting to twenty-seven music scores, and ten vols. of music biography and musical literature. As mentioned in previous Reports, Mr. Camm presents to the Music Library, which he founded, all the published scores of the works performed at the Winter Gardens during the Symphony and Classical Seasons. These annual gifts are very much appreciated by music students, who recognise the fact that it is quite impossible to see the majority of the scores in any other library, public or private.

HOME BINDERY.

The progress of the new department of our work has been one of unqualified success. Since the latter part of the year under review four of the junior assistants take duty in the bindery in turn, and perform some of the preliminary but not unimportant parts of the work, thus enabling the bookbinder to devote the whole of his time to the forwarding and finishing processes. During the year, which coincides with the first twelvemonths of the bindery, 1488 volumes have been bound; 12 recased; 9 Reference Library books repaired and rebacked; and 252 new books have been lettered. Twentyfour ledgers and special books have also been made in a thoroughly practical manner. In addition numerous jobs of a minor character have been done, but which cannot be enumerated here, including the hundreds of minor repairs done by the staff. The cost in wages materials has been £101 9s., which shows an average of 1s. 3d. per volume after deducting £7 15s., the estimated cost of recasing, lettering, repairs and special books, but not allowing for the various smaller pieces of work before mentioned, or the stock of materials in The quality of the art canvas and linen adopted is far superior to that used in the contract work. It should

be mentioned that in the previous year, when a normal amount of work was done by contract, the cost was £109 6s. 2d. The Committee, with the year's experience of work done on the premises under the personal supervision of the Chief Librarian, are in a position to state that the establishment of a Home Bindery has proved a successful experiment, and one that should be continued.

CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE.

Mr. R. Y. Banks not having sought re-election to the Council last November, and there being no vacancy among the co-opted members, the Committee lost the services of a gentleman who always took an important and active part in the work of the libraries during the fourteen years of his membership. The Committee in forwarding a vote of thanks to Mr. Banks, expressed the hope that his retirement was only a temporary one, and that the earliest opportunity would be found to enable him to return. Mr. J. A. Toone, who had acted in the capacity of Vice-Chairman since 1909, was unanimously elected to the vacant position, and Councillor J. J. Brazier was elected Vice-Chairman.

The personnel of the Committee has undergone several other changes. Colonel Godfrey resumed his military duties, and retired from the Council at the General Election. Mr. W. Harris and Mr. T. Tame also ceased to be members of the Council. To fill the vacancies caused by these changes, the following were elected as Council representatives, viz.: The Mayor (Mr. J. Druitt, J.P.), Councillors Neville Hart, M.D., J. J. Empson, and F. B. Summerbee.

ISSUES.

The total issues from all departments were 347,698, an increase of 993. There are increases at the Central

and Reference Libraries, but a decrease at the Branches, due to the temporary closing of the Springbourne Branch.

STOCK.

During the year 1,821 volumes were added, bringing the total stock up to 54,431 volumes, to which latter should be added the works and pieces in the Music Library, amounting to, approximately, 4,200.

BORROWERS.

There are 9,430 borrowers, a decrease of 3,443. There are also 1,385 with students' extra tickets, or 572 less than last year.

J. A. TOONE, Chairman. CHAS. RIDDLE, Borough Librarian.

Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth, 1914 (estimated) 85,000.

Area of Borough, 5,850 acres.

Rateable Value of Borough, £762,551 13s. 3d.

Public Libraries Acts adopted 11th March, 1893.

Committee first appointed 21st March, 1893. First Librarian appointed, 7th June, 1894.

Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room,

opened 1st January, 1895. Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.

Travelling Library established 10th January, 1898.

Permanent Branch Libraries established January, 1899.

Central Library, 2, Stanhope Gardens, opened 21st October, 1901.

Winton Temporary Branch News Room opened 8th February, 1905.

Winton Library opened, 26th October, 1907.

Springbourne Library opened 27th March, 1909.

Boscombe Library, opened 22nd June, 1910.

"John B. M. Camm Music Library" presented 1st November, 1910. Central Library, Lansdowne, opened March 26th, 1913.

Committee.

Chairman: Mr. J. A. Toone Vice-Chairman: Cr. J. J. Brazier.

Mr. A. J. Abbott, J.P.

Mr. J. Druitt, J.P. (Mayor).

CR. J. J. EMPSON.

CR. N. HART, M.D. ALD. H. S. McCalmont Hill, D.C.L.

REV. J. D. Jones, M.A., D.D. SIR DANIEL MORRIS, K.C.M.G. MR. J. H. RALPH SMYTHE, J.P.

CR. F. B. SUMMERBEE. Mr. C. J. Whitting.

Officers.

Librarian and Secretary: Charles Riddle. Sub-Librarian: Hugh Stevenson.* Acting Sub-Librarian: Lewis G. Corner.

Senior Assistants:

Kenneth Ryde.*

PERCY BENNETT.

HENRY COCKBURN. ERNEST PERRETT.*

ARCHIBALD GRITTEN.*

ERNEST ROBERTS.*

FRANCIS PEPIN. HAROLD PEPIN. Junior Assistants.

JACK ELLIOTT. VICTOR MOXHAM.*

ALBERT KIGHTLEY.

FREDERICK RICHARDS.

ALBERT H. ACTON. ALLAN RONALDS.

VICTOR WOODS.

* Serving with the Colours.

Fanitors.

Central: E. Wilson; R. Dowding.

Boscombe Branch: E. Jones.

Springbourne Branch: J. Stevens. Winton Branch: J. RATCLIFFE,

Attendances of Committee for Year ending 31st March, 1915.

Number of Meetings	•••	11	8	11	1	31	_
		Public Libraries.	Books Sub- Committee.	Finance & General Purposes Sub-Comm.	Special Sub-Com.	No.of Meetings summoned to.	Total of attend'ces.
Mr. J. A. Toone, Chairman	•••	9	6	9	1	31	25
Cr. J. J. Brazier, Vice-Chairman	·	10	1	10	1	26	22
Mr. A. J. Abbott, J.P	• • •	8		8		22	16
Ald. H. S. McCalmont Hill, D.	C.L.	2				22	2
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., D.D.		2	1		_	19	3
Sir Daniel Morris, K.C.M.G.		4	5		_	19	9
Mr. J. H. Ralph Smythe, J.P.	•••	9	7		-	19	16
Mr. C. J. Whitting		8	5	—		19	13
Mr. J. Druitt, J.P. (Mayor)		2	1		_	9	3
Cr. J. J. Empson		5		5	_	10	10
Cr. R. N. Hart, M.D		3	3		_	9	6
Cr. F. B. Summerbee		5	_	4	-	10	9
Cr. R. Y. Banks		6	4	5	_	16	15
Cr. Col. R. F. Godfrey	• • :	1	1	_		10	2
Cr. W. Harris		5	_	5		12	10
Cr. T. Tame		5		5	_	12	10

Library Association Examinations.

Certificates held by Present Staff (to 31st March, 1915).

Section II. Bibliography and Book Selection. Kenneth A. Ryde.

Section III. Classification.

Lewis G. Corner, Kenneth A. Ryde, Percy Bennett.

Section IV. Cataloguing.

Lewis G. Corner, Kenneth A. Ryde, Percy Bennett.

Section V. Library History, Law, and Organization.

Lewis G. Corner, Kenneth A. Ryde, Percy Bennett.

Section VI. Library Routine.

Hugh Stevenson, Lewis G. Corner, Kenneth A. Ryde, Percy Bennett.

Yearly Issues trom all Departments since the Opening in 1895.

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YEAR.	CEN	TRAL.	Branches.	TOTALS.		
	LENDING.	REFERENCE.	DRANCHES.	TOTALS.		
1895	137738		-	137738		
1896	142588	724	_	143312		
1897	140502	787		141289		
1898	128320	1178	11277	140775		
1899	119647	1236	15970	136853		
1900	117351	3589	22832	143772		
1901	119198	9759	40232	169189		
1902	137141	11364	52101	200606		
1903	146886	16298	56000	219184		
1904	146105	13275	51133	210513		
1905	148776	13281	52054	214111		
1906	151262	13664	55669	220595		
1907	154745	15852	66057	236654		
1908	158632	15930	97984	272546		
1909	157018	14192	128123	299333		
1910	155153	17586	160307	333046		
1911	150913	17046	189682	357641		
1912	144651	17207	188290	350148		
1913	140275	29217	177213	346705		
1914	159712	29929	158057	347698		
1895—1914	2856618	242114	1522981	4621708		

15971226926 3003 89834 12367 14093 41763 347698 TOTALS. Fannary 1st to December 31st, 1914. Non-Fiction. 36775 26575 3003 10194 9861243 4466 83192 79640 12850 37297 122937 351 11431 264506 Fiction. : : Issues from all Departments. : : : : 2 8 : : LIBRARY. Springbourne Branch ... Westbourne Branch Boscombe Branch Central Reference Central Lending Winton Branch Music Library Totals

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List of Periodicals.

(The Committee do not accept gifts of Newspapers, Periodicals, or Magazines.)

Dailies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.	Central. Boscombe. Springbourne. Westbourne.	Winton.
Bournem'th Daily Echo Daily Chronicle	1	1	1 1 1	1 1	1 1	Bystander 1 1 1	†1
Daily Citizen Daily Graphic Daily Mail Daily News & Leader	1 1	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1	Canada 1 †1 Cardiff Weekly Mail 1 Carpenter and Builder 1 Catholic Times 1 1	1
Daily Telegraph Evening Standard Financial News	1	1	1	1	1	Christian Commonwealth 1	
Globe L'Indepéndance Belge Manchester Guardian	1	1				Christian World 1 1 Church Times 1 1 1 Civil Service Gazette 1	1
Morning Post Pall Mall Gazette Standard	1 1	1 1 1	1	1 1 1	1	Country Life 1 1 Cycling 1 1 Dublin Weekly Free-	
Times Westminster Gazette	2	1	1	1	1	man 1 Economist 1 † 1 Electrician 1 † 1	,
Semi-Weeklies. Bournemouth Directory Bournemouth Guardian		1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1		`1 1
Weeklies. Those marked (†) are transferred at end of week.			-			Exchange and Mart 1 1 1 1	1 1
Amateur Gardening Architect Athenæum	1	1† 1†	1	1	1	Garden 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1
Belfast Weekly News Birm'gham Weekly Post Board of Trade Journal	1	1				Guardian (London) 1 1 Hampshire Advertiser 1	1
Bournemouth Graphic British Architect British Australasian	1 1	1 1			1	Hobbies 1 1 1 1 1 Illustrated London	1
British Weekly Broad Arrow Builder	1 1 1	1 1 1	1	1	1	News 1 1 1 1 I I I I I	1

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List of Periodicals—continued.

Weeklies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.	Bi-Weekly.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Ladies' Field	1 1	1 1	1	1	†1	Revuedes deux Mondes	1				
Lady Lady's Pictorial	1	1	1	1 1	1	University Correspondent	1				
Land and Water	1	1		1			1				
Municipal Journal	1	1									
Musical News	1	†1				Monthlies.					
Musical Standard	1					[Those marked (‡) are transferred at end of month].					
Nation	1	1			1	ferred at end of month].					
Nature	1	†1				Agricultur'l Economist					
Newcastle Weekly Chronicle	1					Army List Bookman	1	‡1			
Chronicle New Statesman	1	†1				Bookman Boy's Own Paper	1	‡1 1	1		
Notes and Queries	1					Captain	1	1	1		‡1
Nursing Times	1	1				Cassier's Magazine		‡1			+-
Outlook	1	1			†1	Century Magazine	1	T			† 1
Patent Office Journal	1					Chambers's Journal	1	1			‡1
Photography	1	1				Chums		‡1			1
Pitman's Journal	1					Connoisseur	1	-			
Poole Herald Punch	1 1	1	1	1	1	Contemporary Review Cornhill Magazine	1 1	1			‡1
Punch Queen	1	1	1	1	1	Cornhill Magazine English Review	1	1			
Saturday Review	1	1				Fortnightly Review	1	1			‡1
Scientific American	1	1				Girl's Own Paper		1			+-
Shipping Gazette	1					Harper's Magazine	1	1	1		1
Sketch	1	1	1	1	1	Journal of Education	1	‡1			
Southampton Times	1					Knowledge	1	1		1	
Spectator	1	1	4	1		Lady's Realm	1	1			‡1
Sphere	1	1 1	1	1	1	Literary World London Magazine		1		1	4
Stage	1	†1				London Magazine Musical Herald	1	1	1		1
Tatler	-	1				Musical Times	1				
Times Weekly Edition	1					Music Student		‡1			
T.P.'s Weekly	1		1	1	1	National Review	1	т			
Truth	1	1	1	1	1	Navy List		‡1			
Weekly Scotsman	1					Nineteenth Century	1	1			‡1
Western Gazette	1		1	1	1	Pall Mall Magazine	1	1	4		1
Western W'kly Mercury Westminster Gazette	1					Pearson's Magazine Railway Magazine	1	1	1	1	
(Saturday edition)			1		1	Railway Magazine Review of Reviews	1 1	1 1	1	1	^{‡1} 1
Yorkshire Weekly Post		1	1		1	Royal Magazine	1	1	1	1	1

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List of Periodicals—continued.

Monthlies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.	Bi-Monthly.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Selborne Magazine Strand Magazine Studio Windsor Magazine Woman at Home Woodworker	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 ‡1	1 1 1	‡1 1 1 1 1 1	British Printer Quarterlies. *Three months old. Edinburgh Review* Hibbert Journal Musical Quarterly Quarterly Review* Round Table Science Progress	1 1 1 1 1 1	1			

Mumber of IRatepayers and IIAon=IRatepayers on the IBorrowers' IRegister.

			Increase or
Ratepayers-	1914.	1913.	Decrease.
Central	 1539	1769	— 230
Boscombe	 583	752	— 169
Springbourne	 70	196	— 126
Westbourne	 114	109	+ 5
Winton	 268	471	— 203
Non-Ratepayers-			
Central	 3580	4692	1110
$\operatorname{Boscombe}$	 1829	2323	- 494
Springbourne	 218	737	— 519
Westbourne	 296	405	109
Winton	 933	1419	— 486
Totals	 9430	12873 Dec	crease 3443

Students' Extra Tickets issued for Mon-fiction.

	1914.	1913.	Decrease.
Central Library	820	1126	— 306
Branch Libraries	565	831	— 266
Totals	1385	1957	Decrease 572

Reports.

Reports were received from the following Libraries:—

Ashton-under-Lyne; Acton; Aberdeen; Batley; Battersea; Belfast; Birmingham; Blackburn; Bootle; Bolton; Bradford; Bridgwater; Bromley (Kent); Brighton; Bury; Buxton; Cambridge; Cheltenham; Chicago (John Crerar); Cirencester (Bingham); Colchester; Congress, U.S.; Coventry; Croydon; Derby; Dundee; Ealing; Eccles; Folkestone; Fulham; Gateshead; Gloucester; Great Yarmouth; Hackney; Hartlepool; Hereford; Hornsey; Hove; Huddersfield; Hull; Ilkley; Ipswich; Kendall; Kensal Rise; Kettering; Kidderminster; Kilburn; Kingston-on-Thames; Leeds; Leicester; Lincoln; Middlesbrough; Montrose; Newark-on-Trent; Newcastle-under-Lyne; Newcastle-upon Tyne; New York; Northampton; Norwich; Oldbury; Paisley; Plymouth; Portsmouth; Preston; Providence, U.S.; Rawtenstall; Richmond; Rochdale; Salisbury; Shoreditch; Stoke Newington; Taunton; Tottenham; Walsall; Walthamstow; Wandsworth; West Bromwich; West Hartlepool; Westminster; Wigan; Willesden Green; Wimbledon; Worcester; York.

Reports of miscellaneous Departments and Societies:—

Bournemouth Education Department; Bournemouth Medical Officer of Health (4 copies); Central Emigration Board; Cripplegate Foundation; Medical Inspection of Bournemouth School Children (2 copies); National Lending Library for the Blind.

List of Donors.

THE LIBRARY OF THE

Name of Donor.	No. of Volumes.	MAY, 200, 1937 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS	No. of Volumes.
Accountants, Society of In-		Lawrence, Lady Durning	1
corporated	1	Liddiard, J. E., Esq.	
Anderson, Mrs	2	F.R.G.S.	21
Anglo - Continental Pub-		London & North-Western	1
lishing Co	9	Railway	
Australia, High Commis-	1	Longmans & Co	1
sioner for	2	Marconi Wireless Tele-	1
Barker, H. J., Esq	1	graphy Co	1
Bennett, Messrs. & Co	2	Mather & Crowther, Ltd	
Berzeuiczy, Albert de	1	Mathews, Clax & Co., Ltd.	1
Bonten, F., Esq	2	Merchant Venturers Tech-	
British Dominions General		nical College	1
Insurance Co	1	Mesham, C., Esq	1
British Museum	8	Midland Railway	1
Carnegie United Kingdom		National Temperance Fed	
Trust	1	eration	3
Carter-Jepson Publishing		O'Callaghan, Miss	- 4
Co., Ltd	2	Orchestrelle Co	1
Congress, Library of	6	Paul, P., Esq	6
Crane & Crane, Ltd	1	Rooper, Miss	8
Dodgson, E. C., Esq	2	Sells, Messrs., Ltd	1
Drage, Mrs	57	Sheffield University	1
Electrical Engineering, In.		Smithsonian Institution.	11
stitution of	1	Smythe, J. H. Ralph.	
Emigration, Assistant		Esq., J.P	86
Superintendant of	1	South-Eastern & Chathan	
Great Eastern Railway	1	Railway	1
Huntley, Lockwood & Co.		Story, W. H., Esq.	5
Ironside, O. C., Esq		Urquhart, J., Esq	1
Koch, Theodore W., Esq.		Utton, Mr	2
Latter, Mrs		Wales, National Library of	1

